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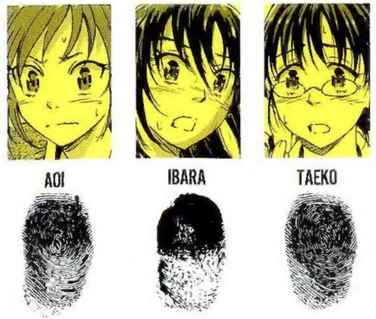

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時は西暦2036年。
決死の武蔵野電鉄作戦進行中、
ついに敵との全面戦争へと突入した荊たち。
巨大戦闘マシン"鉄グモ"の圧倒的な破壊力と
暴走を続ける小津姉妹の脅威を前にして、
いまだかつてない苦戦を強いられた荊は
唯一の突破口に全てを懸ける――!!

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あらかじめ御了承ください。

The Ozu sisters...
And a giant robot spider, huh?
Mission.36 [All-Out War]

If we wanna get the survivors to Shinjuku...
...we got no choice but to bring these guys down!

FWOOM
Bring it!!

FWOOSH
GWSH
!!
TUMP
Not gonna happen !!
CRACKLE
CRACKLE
Get on the APC, Aoi!

FWOOSH
!!
PSSSSSH
?!
It's attracting my electricity! I can't aim!
BZZT
?
Chaff?!
BZZT

WHOOSH
Then we'll do this fist-to-fist!
KRRRSH
Hahaha! That won't work!
Cuz I'm way stronger than you!
FWOOSH
CRACK

CLARE
WHACK
KRRSH
TWIRL

FWOOM
TWIRL
I'm on!
TWITCH
TWITCH
Al-right ...
RRMM
?!
KCHK
Ibara!

VROO
RRMM
RRMM
The Spider's on my tail!
Go, Haruto!
TA
TA
RA
RRMM
HWOO
Ibara! Grab on!
Hraaah...!

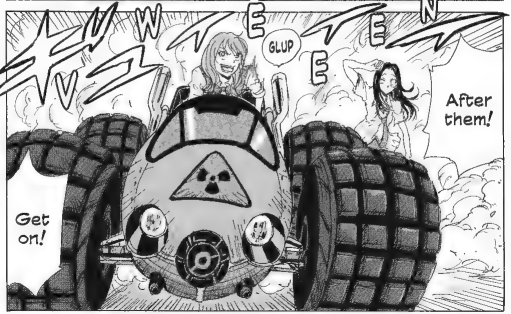
FLASH
FSSH
FSSH
Gah!
BAM
BWOOM
!!
I'm fine! Step on it!
Ibara, are you okay?!
GWSH
GWSH
GWSH
...

CLOP
CLUNK

SHHHH

We're gonna haveta work together on this one, Shion.
Okay ...

But it doesn't mean crap if you can't *hit* her.
PLOP
You're stronger than her, sure...
PLOP


EVEN
EVEN
GLUP
After them!
Get on!

KSSSH
KSSSH
BWOOSH
VWEEN
VWEEN
EEEEEE
POOH
Crap, this isn't working!

We have to buy time here in the residential area!
If we go south, they could damage the power lines from Planet. If we go north, they could take out the train tracks!
Anti-tank shells won't cut it!
What now, Haruto?!
Behind us! Look out!
Yeah, but even if we do—
We gotta take it down before it kills us—
It's too powerful!
KRRSH
!!
Over here!
Hey!
CLUNK
CLUNK
?!

SHK
A hatch?
It's got motors in there!
The robot's weak point is the hatch on its underside!
That must be it!
KREE
Slow down and take us under it, Haruto!
Alright...
Take this!
WEEN
SKREE
Eeeek!!

KABOOM
WHOOSH
BWOOSH

BRRMMM
Oh!
Nice! Knocked it off balance!

Well?!
You hit it!

KRRSSSHH
It's falling !!
Crap ...
Didn't even make a dent in that hatch!
CHK
KOFF
KOFF
...?!
That building's ...
Wait a...
GRUMBLE
Ugh...
M-Medic !
PLOP
...?!
CLOP
CLOP

RRMM
My thanks for the rescue.
The police station!
The cloaked man was in there!
!
Look! It's getting back up!
CLANK
Let's move, Haruto!

There's an emergency manual switch for the hatch!
It's at the top of its posterior!
The switch!
CLANK
Huh ?!
VROOOM
!!
How are we even supposed to get up there?!
What?! It's on top of that thing?!
...
RRMM
Oh my god, give us a break already!
The Ozu sisters ?!
RRMM

When the going gets tough...
RRRMMMM
...the tough get going!
FWOOSH
M-36 END

RRRMMM
The cloaked man's escaped from behind bars.
You risked your life to save his, Naruse.
Mission.37[Victims of Science]

CWAP
Drive, Haruto!
RRMM
I told you nothing good would come of rescuing that villain.

VROOOO

It'll catch up to us in no time!
VROOM
VROOM
Wow, that's like, a race car!
It's the Ozu sisters, Ibara!
Oh my gosh!
We gotta deal with 'em both!
I know!
KREE
What do we do?! It's hard enough trying to keep away from the robot!
Y-Yeah! But how'll you get up there?!
You said there's a switch to open that hatch on the back of that thing, right?!
FWAP
...what are the odds that we can pull that off?!
But, but...

We can use it to latch on to that needle ...
And scale up there!
KCHK
With this grapple gun!
Scale up there?!
Wait, what if the Ozu sisters try to stop you?!
...
I'll keep them occupied!
Mean-while, one of *you*...
...will get up there and hit that switch!

I'll do it. Give me the grapple gun!
You gotta drive, Haruto!
You're telling me to do it, then?
Reckless, as always.
We don't have time to argue!
But I can't let a survivor do something that risky—
And...
Tree climbing's the only thing I'm any good at.
I'll do it!
...I want to do something.
Anything that can make this world...

...even the tiniest bit brighter.
Hurry up and catch them!!
FWAP!
What're you doing, sis?!
Nicely put, Aoi!
KCHK
Huh?
Shut up! These roads are so narrow!
Alright, time to strike back!

Come back here!
Why'd you pass them, stupid?!
...?
Whaaat?!
SKREE
SKREE
Hmph...
They're moving to the Spider's rear?
FWSSSH

PSSH
FWAP
CHK
FWOOM
SPROING
?!!
BWSH
Pull the trigger and it'll reel you in!
Alright, it's on!
O-Okay!
Gwahh !!
FWOOSH
!

I-It's pulling meee!
FSSSH
Ow ow ow!!
FSSSH
FWUP
?!
VROO
FS-SSH
TWANG
Crap ...!
It's turning!
Aoi! Pull the trigger!
Run her down!!
Hahaha !
VROOOO

WHRRR

Hey! They're here!
Don't let go! Climb up there!
I'm ...
GRAB
... fall-iiiing !!
CLANK
CLANK
KRRRSH

WHAM
Hraaahh!

Oh!
Is that the switch for the hatch?!

FWAP
So quit screwin' around!
I know how you'll attack!

Heh heh ...
Do you, now?

Electric attaaack !!
Now, sis!
SWSH
?!
CRACKLE
CRACKLE

She's using it on her sister?!
CRACKLE
CRACKLE
Wh ...?
CRACKLE
FWSH!
BZZT
KOFF
BZZT
WHUMP

Naruse ?!
CHK
K'h... ahhh!!
?!
My wound broke open...
Crap ...!
PLIP
PLIP
F S S S
!!
CLANG
Augh!
CRACK

HUFF
Nobody ...
HUFF
PUP
PUP
...can stop us!
WHAM
I win!!
HUFF
They experimented on you, didn't they?
HUFF
All for our duties here in Tokyo. In the City of Death.
HUFF
Why are you going this far, Shion Ozu?
GLANCE
Is it for revenge...
...against the scientists who made us?

I'm gonna crush every-one!!
Shut up!!
But they'll still believe their actions were helping humanity.
Hate them as much as you like.
YES... AND THEN WE SHALL BUILD A NEW WORLD.
WE MUST FIRST BRING THE HAMMER DOWN ON THAT GIRL.
SHE IS A GUARDIAN OF FOOLISH HUMANITY.
LET US SAY GOOD-BYE TO THE OLD WAYS.
YOU COPPELION ARE VICTIMS OF SCIENCE.

Open the hatch...!
Aoi...
Hurry!!
CRACKLE
CRACKLE
M:37 END

Mission.38[Open Sesame]
BRMMM
To take down the Iron Spider, we have to open the hatch underneath it...
...and then destroy the machinery inside!
Aoi, press the switch! Hurry!

Go to hell!!
Ibara Naruse!!

CRUNCH
GLARE
HEH
?!

CRACK
SMACK
Enough, Shion!
...
!!
CHSH

Wh...?
FLOP
KRNCH
WHACK
RRM
FWAP
Done already?!
What's wrong?!
WHUD
FWUMP
Aoi...
Hurry...
A...
I think I'll torture you to death!
Hee hee...

Here goes!
Press it and it's open sesame!
I made it! Okay, the switch...
I...
HWOOOO
SQUIK
?!
Outta my way, glass!
BAM
What the heck ?!
I almost broke my finger!
FWAP
Ow!
FWAP
Break already!
BAM
Grrr!
BAM
?
BAM
BAM

Don't move! I'll faaall!!
RRMMM
GRAB
Wait ...
KRISH
!!
?!
RRMMM
GRRSH
Wh...
What're ya doin', you big stupid spider?!
Ooowah!
KRRSH
KRISH

THEY ARE MERELY DECOYS.
...!
?
CAST YOUR GAZE UPWARDS, SISTERS.
!!
REMOVE THIS PEST!
I'm so screwed!
SWSH
SWSH
SWSH
Yeek!
Don't get ahead of yourself!
BZZT
Aoi Fukasaku ...
BZZT
GRACKLE

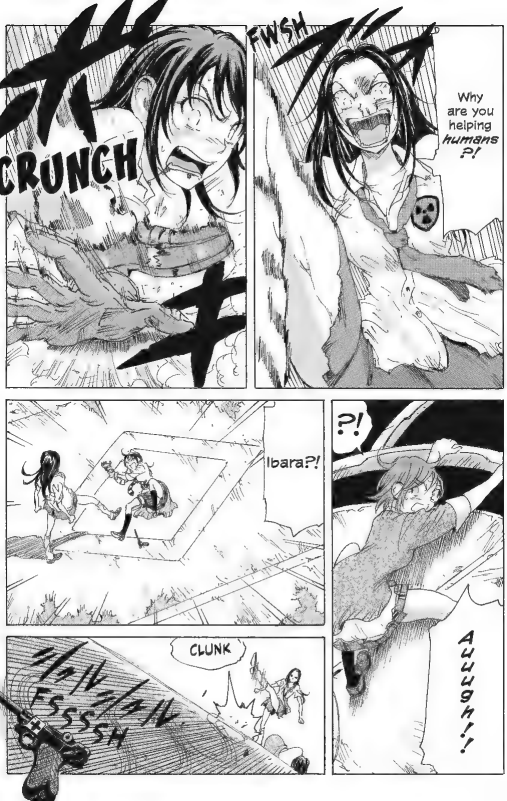
Just like swatting flies!
Ha ha ha...
KRSH
KRSH
KRSH
Eek!
KRSH
Stop, Kanon!
CRACKLE
S...
CRACKLE
Heeelp! Ibaraaa!
GWSH
H...
KRISH
KRISH
KRISH
GWSH
Your opponent...

...is me!
CRACK
!
!!
PSSSSH
Die, please!!

Hrgggkh!!
!!
KOFF
Dammit ...
KRA
PING
KCHK
HUFF
You can do it, Aoi!
HUFF
Ooof!
FWUMP

I'm...
So... close!
Open the hatch!
HUFF
HUFF
Hurry!
But I can't... I'm so weak.
SWSH
HUFF
HUFF
I guess... I'm a good-for-nothing after all.
Ugh... I used it too much.
HUFF
HUFF
Better finish her off!
HUFF
?!
FWAP

Let go of me!!
CRACKLE
Haruto~~~~!
Why you—
CRACKLE
CRACKLE
Please... hurry... Open it...
HUFF
Aoi...
HUFF
PLIP
HUFF
PLIP
HUFF
...are you trying this hard...?
HUFF
Why the heck ...
HUFF
TMP
She doesn't freaking give up.
HUFF
Ugh...
HUFF


CRUNCH
FWSH
Why are you helping humans?!
Ibara?!
?!
AUUUGH!!
CLUNK
FSSSSH

GLARE
CRACKLE
Naruse!
FLASH
CRACKLE
Gyahaha! Can't use your right hand, now, can you?
...
FWUMP
Urgh...
Make her watch Aoi Fukasaku take her last breath!
FWAP
Do it, sis!
Ready, Rep Ibara Naruse P!
And now for the finale!

CRACKLE
It's over now!!
Aoi!!
CRACKLE
CRACKLE

The electricity ...
She *absorbed* it?!

Aoi!
Hit it!
ISH
KRR
CHK
M-38 END

Mission.39[Decisive Move]
She absorbed...
...my electricity?!
Aoi! Hit it!
Aoi Fukasaku...
What on earth—?

KRR
ISHK
CHK

CLANK
CLANK
Alright ...!
PSSH
RRRM'M
!!
The hatch is open!

RMM
VMM
Well, lass ...
RMM
VMM
...I shan't allow that!
CHK
RMM
Tch...
They aim to destroy the inner motors?!
RMM

FSSSH
SSSH

KRRSH
Guh...
GWSSH
My gun...
Not so fast, mousie!!
!!
FSSH
...a piercing shot!
HUFF
Gotta use...
HUFF

So freaking heavy!!
FWUMP
Gaaah!!
WHUD
Thanks, No-sense!
Get... off!!
NOW IS YOUR CHANCE, MISS IBARA!
CRACKLE
You're *still* going, Ibara Naruse?!

Hurry up and die!
CRACKLE
...
Wh ...?
BWSSH
?!
!!
FLASH

BZZZT
BZZZT
Hrrr
...
She's
...
...
floating
...

Yaa!!
FLASH
FSSSSH
Ahhh!!
...

Such power ...
Is she some kind of super-natural ...?!
Ohh ...!
BZZT
BZZT
GLARE
Damn you!!
PSSH
Oh no!
Oh...

FWOOOOO
RRMM
RRMM
...I shall deal with your friends below, first!
CLUNK
In that case...

Crap ...!
KRRSH
!!
CHK
Hrmg ...
FSSSH
I can't lose ...!
The Iron Spider's after us now!
KRRSH

!!
GWSH
You're not getting away!!
HRNG
KRR
!!
Leggo!
WHUD
You idiot!
Yeek!!
CRACK
RA
TA
TA

Hurry! Use the pierc-ing shot!
SHAA
PING
CLANK
CLANK
Hraaahh!!
I won't let you!!
GWSH

BOOOM

BAM
KABOOOM

!!
BRMMM
Waaahh!!
Ah...
FSHOOOOM

!
Naruse?
CLINK
F5555
Ugh...
CLACK
M-39 END

FWOOM
The Iron Spider...
We destroyed it!
Mission.40[Tower of the Sun]

!

Where is she?!
Naruse...

WHOOO

Aoi... Fukasaku...
FWUMP
?!
EH

Aoi Fukasaku
HFF
HFF
What are you...?
...
SWSH
KAA
KAA

You're on cleanup duty today!
CHEEP
CHEEP
CHEEP
CHEEP
Haruto~o~!
Hm?
Phew... not.
CHEEP
KAA
Heeey!
Haruto...?

Sheesh, you're here *again*?
Hey! Ah, it's you, Naruse.
FLAP FLAP
The Tower of the Sun...
What's so fun about staring at this thing?
It was built 66 years ago for the 1970 World Expo—it's a symbol of scientific progress.
But the truth is ...
...there was another face on the tower's back side.
...you'd only see pictures of the bright face on the *front* side.
At the time, well...
HAHA
HAHA

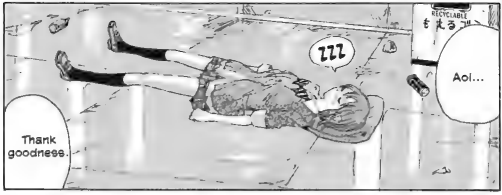
Depending on who uses it, atomic power can either be a weapon, or a source of electricity.
... A face on the back of it?
There are two sides to science— what we see up front... and what lies behind.
Two...
... sides...

Naruse!
?!
Naruse!
The front and...
Come on! Wake up!
The front and the back...
Mitaka Station.
Sorry. I guess I passed out. Where are we...?
Haruto ...
The Iron Spider!
GASP
I brought you here after you took down the Iron Spider.

She's returned to normal, for now.
Don't worry.

Where's Aoi?!
SWAP
Ah...

M-My arm—
PINCH
Ow...


Thank goodness.
ZZZ
RECYCLABLE
もえる
Aoi...

What was that, Haruto?
Aoi's power...

...

MMPH
MMPH
She saved you.
She did whatever it took.
I don't know.
All I can say for sure is this...
Are we...?
Heeey!
...really not human...?
Are we...

Wh-What are you talking about?!
Oh, you're up!
We couldn't find them!
It's no good!
KII
CLUNK
?!
KII
CLUNK
In other words ...
We searched through the remains of the Spider, but there weren't any bodies!
The Ozu sisters and the cloaked man...
We have to find 'em before they find out about the Musashino Railway plan!
HWOOO
They're still alive...

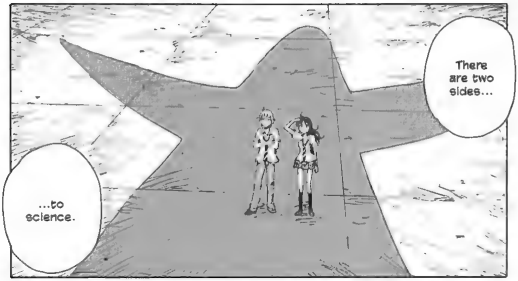
What do you mean?
Huh?
We've got a bigger problem.
SNSH
...
Naru-se.
It's 4:00 PM?! Already?!
Wh ...?!
TIK
TIK
EMPTY
Oh no—
...
GASP
While you were dreaming.
When did it get so late?!
GONG
Speak-ing of which...
Exact-ly.
The train's not here yet.

But then everyone ...
They'll be killed by the wind of death.
But there's still no sign of them, even though it's getting closer to sunset.
At this rate, we won't be able to make it through the danger zone in time.
They should come from East Koganei to pick us up here at Mitaka, then continue to Shinjuku.
Ugh...
Then I'll go help them!
WOBBLE
The maintenance team must have hit a snag.
You're a bad liar, as always.
I-I'm fine!
This isn't that serious— urgh...
You can't with those wounds!
You have broken bones!

Haruto...
I'll check on the situation at East Koganei Station.
You stay here.
FWUP
They're wounded— I'll back you up!
YOU MAY RELY ON ME!
If they do, will you two take care of it?
The Ozu sisters might attack again.
SWISH
TMP

PLIP
PLIP
PLIP
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
...Later.
Naruse.
TMP
TMP
TMP
Haruto!

SWISH
SAFETY + SECURITY
SHINTO ELECTRIC
MEDICAL
CORPORATI
MITAKA CL C

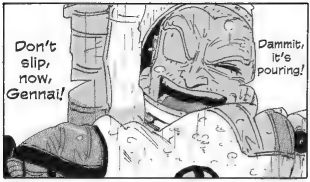

There are two sides...
...to science.

I'll see you again soon, right, Haruto?
I...

You're the face of the good side.
Don't look so sad.
Haruto...
M-40 END

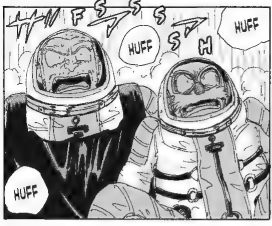
Mission.41[Run, Haruto]
It's getting closer to sunset, but there's still no sign of the train coming from East Koganei.
At this rate, we won't be able to make it through the danger zone in time.
You stay here, Naruse.
I'll check on the situation at East Koganei Station.
The maintenance team must have hit a snag.
Haruto ...

Phew...
What a day.
SPLASH
SPLASH

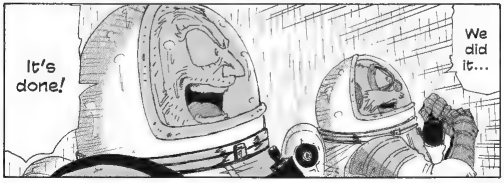

Don't slip, now, Gennai!
Dammit, it's pouring!

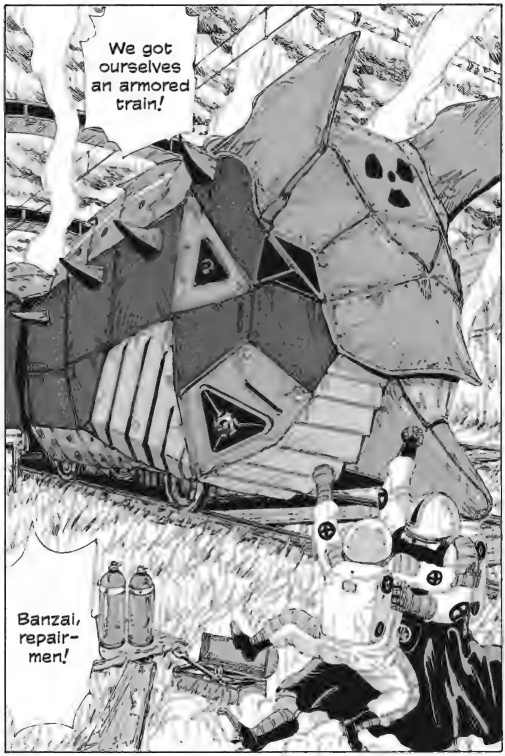
ひがしごみ

KREE
Here goes! Hrmg...
Just gotta tighten this last bolt!


HUFF
HUFF
HUFF

KRRSH
Hrah!
Gah!


It's done!
We did it...

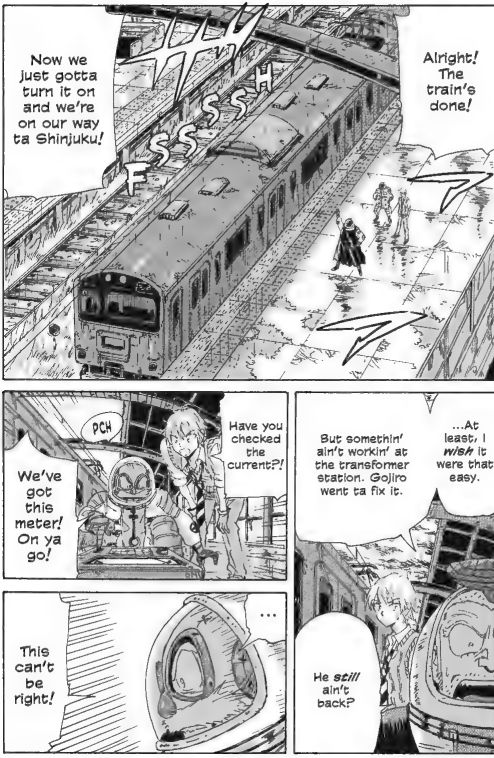

We got ourselves an armored train!
Banzai, repair-men!

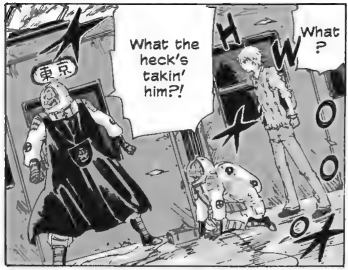
If it isn't bomb boy!
HUFF
HUFF
Oh!
?!
Heh...
Pretty impressive for half a day of work.
Anyway, we don't have any more time.
HUFF
HUFF
It's a long story.
We just finished modifyin' the train!
How goes the diversion?!
Has the baby been born?
What about Ibuki's delivery?
All we can do is pray fer a safe delivery!
We got no idea what's goin' on in there.

Argh...
Ugh... ahhh...!
SWISH
SWISH
It's already past 4:00 PM. What do we do?!
The baby hasn't come out at all!
There must be a complication!
Something's wrong!
Just do what I tell you, and the baby'll be born safely!
You can't jump to conclusions yet!
DON'T PANIC!
HUSH, FOOL!
!
THIS IS NOTHING!
WHEN I HAD MY FIRST SON, I WAS IN LABOR FOR THREE DAYS AND THREE NIGHTS!

WHAT, IS THAT SO STRANGE?
...
...you do have family?
Then...
DR. SHIBA TOLD US ...
...THAT YOU WERE ONE OF THE ELDERLY LEFT AT A NURSING HOME IN TOKYO.
AND THAT ALL OF YOU...
...WERE ABANDONED BY YOUR FAMILIES—
THE MELT-DOWN 20 YEARS AGO...
MANY THINGS WERE LOST IN THAT TRAGEDY.
PEOPLE, TOWNS, MEMORIES, EVERY-THING.
PEOPLE HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO ABANDON IT ALL TO BUILD A NEW FUTURE FOR THEMSELVES.

But...
...there are some things that you should never abandon!
IF THAT'S HOW YOU FEEL ...
...THEN YOU SHOULD FOCUS ON THE LITTLE LIFE THAT'S IN YOUR HANDS NOW.
ISN'T THAT WHY YOU CAME TO TOKYO?
You better bring aaaall of the survivors home with you...
And come say hello with those bright faces of yours!
...
YES! WE WILL, MISS AYAME!


Now we just gotta turn it on and we're on our way ta Shinjuku!
F
SSSSH
Alright! The train's done!
PCH
We've got this meter! On ya go!
Have you checked the current?!
But somethin' ain't workin' at the transformer station. Gojiro went ta fix it.
...At least, I wish it were that easy.
This can't be right!
...
He still ain't back?


What the heck's takin' him?!
What?
There's still no power!

…

How many hours d'we have …
…till it gets here, boyo?
The …
CLUNK
The wind of death—

Huh?
Hours? We don't have even that long.
TIK
TIK
We have to start the train within 40 minutes...
...or you humans are all dead.
STOMP
But we don't have power!
Wh-Wh-Whadda we do?!
STOMP
F...
F...
40 minutes?!
TWITCH
So much fer him workin' at a power company!
We shouldn'ta sent Gojiro!

You say he worked for a power company?
...
Power...
...
com-
pany?
He's the one who was hidin' things!
If you've got a problem then take it ta him!
I-It ain't like we were keepin' it a secret! He only just told us!
...
B...
Be careful!? Wait!
Be careful of the wind!
SWSH
I'm going to the transformer station!

CRACKLE
KRRRRSH
RUMBLE
HUFF
SPLASH
HUFF
SPLASH
HUFF

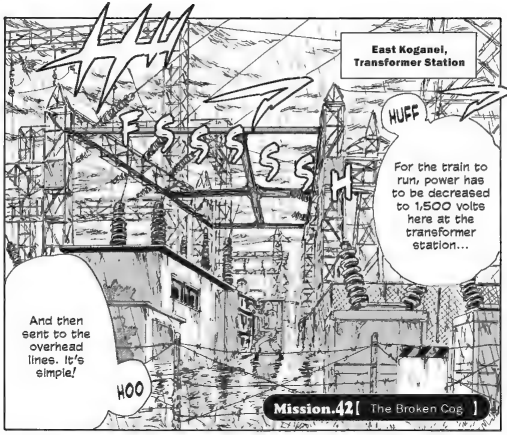
They were so afraid of damaging the company's reputation that they wouldn't release any information about the meltdown!
Shinto Electric...
It was all because of Shinto Electric.
The reason Tokyo became a contaminated ghost town...
The reason we Coppelion were created...
Haruto...
SPLASH
So why am I...?

I think that you want to believe in humans.

RUMBLE
RUMBLE
HUFF
HUFF
FSSSSSH
This must be...
HUFF
...the transformer station.
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
FLASH
HUFF

RUMBLE
This transformer station's receiving electricity.
It just has to go through the power lines to the train. Dammit!
CLICK
CLICK
RUMBLE
Why?! Why won't it work?!
Dam-mit...
HOO
HUFF
HUFF
SPLASH
This is all your father could do, as a human.
I'm sorry, Ibuki.
It's no use...
SPLASH
?!
...
SPLASH
I'm out of time.

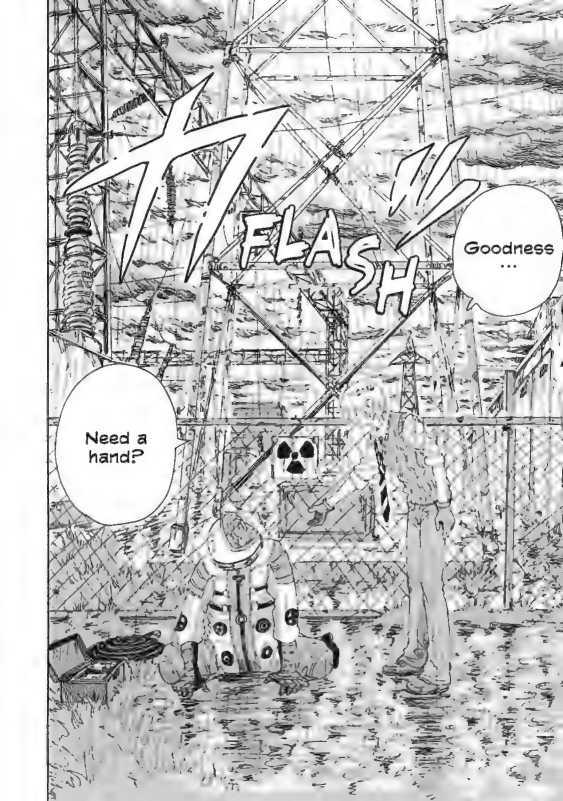
Need a hand?
Good-nese ...
M-41 END

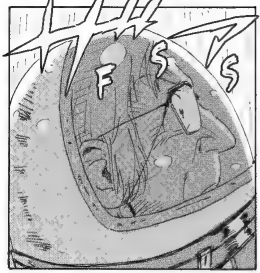

East Koganei, Transformer Station
FSSSSSH
HUFF
For the train to run, power has to be decreased to 1,500 volts here at the transformer station...
And then sent to the overhead lines. It's simple!
HOO
Mission.42 [The Broken Cog]

I'm out of time!
SPLASH
I'm sorry, Ibuki.

HUFF
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
Yet, I couldn't manage it.
HOO
I couldn't even do that much.

SPLASH
...
?!
SPLASH


FLASH
Goodness ...
Need a hand?


FSSS

SSSHT

GWSH

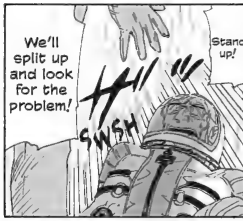
The circuit breakers tripped— I haven't been able to reset them!
I don't know.

Why does the electricity stop here?!
So?

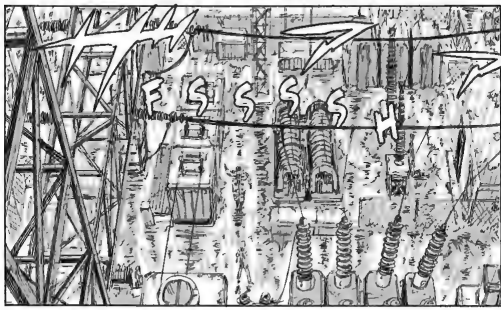
Circuit breakers?

So...
...we have to reset the breakers for power to flow through the overhead lines?
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
Those are the circuit breakers!
When there's a fault in the current, they activate automatically and interrupt it.
...
GASP
N-Never mind that!
But it's too different from a nuclear power plant, so I—
If they're active, it means there's still a problem somewhere.
Yes!
FLASH
You worked for Shinto Electric, didn't you?
You don't need to hide it anymore.

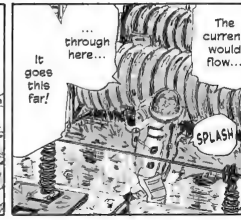
The accident happened because—
It wasn't my fault!
Kurobe told you, didn't he?!
D-Dammit!
FSSH-H!
It's not what you think!
!
!
KRRRRSH
It's dangerous here!
L-Lightning!
SPLSH
Yeek!


We'll split up and look for the problem!
Stand up!
SWISH

We don't have time for this! The wind's coming!
...


FSSSSSH

This is the disconnector, correct?
And in front of it—


... through here...
It goes this far!
The current would flow...
SPLASH

Have you taken a look at it?
RRMMM
This transformer ...!
You'd normally have to bring in an entirely new one to replace it.
It would take at least a day to repair it.
If that's what's broken down—
Hold on...
This is the last transformer.
TWIRL TWIRL
SWIP SWIP
The others all gave in to age long ago.
Give me a screwdriver.
Move, I'll do it.
SWIP
Dammit ...!

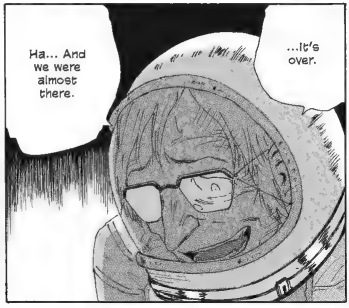
?!
CLANK
WOOM
Wahh!
The coil's burning!
It's no use! We can't save it!
Smoke!
KWUMP
Oh no—
The lightning must have caused a surge.
RUMBLE
...
RUMBLE

We have to hurry, before the storm destroys anything else!
FLASH
BZZT
BZZT
The lightning arresters are corroded. The sudden voltage burnt out that coil.

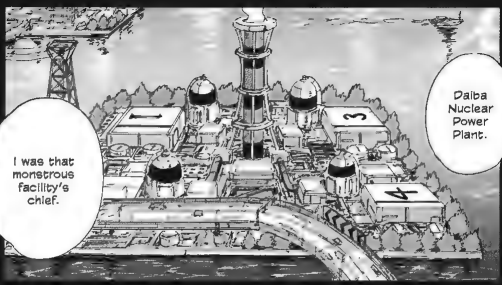
So...
But if we bypass the transformer, the high voltage will overload the train motors.
...either way, we can't power the train!
FWUMP

We don't have time to fix it!
I already told you...

What a fantastic joke! Hahaha!
To think things would end like this ...


Ha... And we were almost there.
...It's over.

FSSSSSH
I give up!
Go ahead and laugh at the powerlessness of humanity!
Hahaha!
That's right ...
It's the same as back then!
...
I'm done for, anyway. I'll tell you everything.
20 years ago...
...I was powerless during the meltdown too.
The truth behind the meltdown—


Daiba Nuclear Power Plant.
I was that monstrous facility's chief.
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4

SHINTO ELECTRIC
新都電力
But the reality was harsh.
SAFETY + SECURITY
SHINTO ELECTRI
They made themselves out to be eco-friendly.

The country invested a massive amount of money into atomic power every year...
But the budget for safety measures was almost completely cut.
CAUTION

And wasted it on things like unnecessary construction projects.
Rumor had it that bureaucrats took that money...
It was a dangerous place to work. Employees left, one after another.
By the end of it, they were even outsourcing the nuclear reactor's administration.
A cog in the wheel had broken a long time ago.
And yet everyone pretended not to notice.
That was when I realized ...
...that this was part of our country's system.

...with that meltdown... heheh.
And we paid for it...

Routine inspections took money.
So I drastically reduced the number of inspections, as ordered!

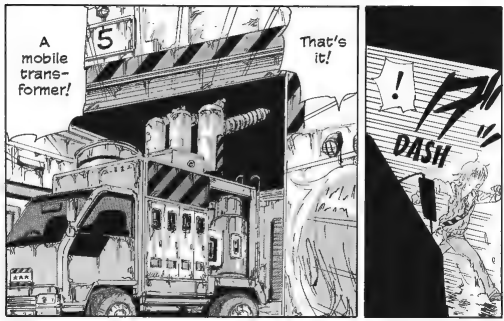
That's right.
I was another cog in the wheel.

Mr. Gojiro.
You...
The meltdown...
It was a tragedy made by human hands!
HH
FSSSH
And because of that—

In that dangerous place, all by yourself.
You stayed until the very end, didn't you?
What are you thinking?
...
A wheel... a truck,
Wait... a wheel?
Oh...
Ohh!
...they'd have a backup transformer to use during maintenance— a *mobile* one!
At a transformer station...

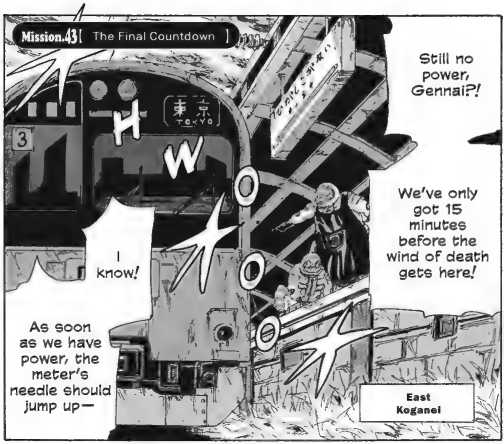
...
We have 20 minutes!
We can hook it up and reduce the current's voltage!
SHAKE
SHAKE
You're right, kid!
DASH
Roger!
You find it!
I'll get the cables ready!
HUFF
HUFF
That's it...
If a cog's broken...
HUFF
HUFF

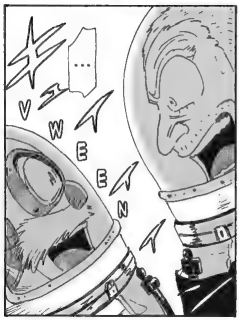
...then you just...
...have to fix it!


A mobile transformer!
That's it!
!
DASH

GWSH
DASH
Plug it in!
Here's the cable!
BZZZT
BZZZT
The circuit breakers ...?!
NWEEN
BZZT
BZZT

You're saved, Ibuki!
Now we can move the train!
We restored the power!!
RATATA
I-It worked!!
15:00
DASH
There's only 15 minutes left.
Back to East Koganei Station!
M-42 END


Mission.43 The Final Countdown
Still no power, Gennai?!
We've only got 15 minutes before the wind of death gets here!
I know!
As soon as we have power, the meter's needle should jump up—
East Koganei


...
V
W
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E
N

...Huh?
VWEEN
VWEEEN

WWZ
We got power!!
EEE
N
Gojiro an' bomb boy did it!

HUFF
14:42
DA$H
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF

HUFF
HUFF
We'll make it in time!
Four or five minutes.

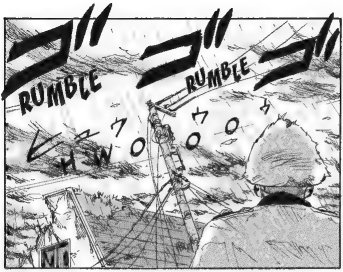
Hey, kid...
FSSSH
How long is it to East Koganei Station?!

But that's if we're running full speed, isn't it ?!
HUFF
HUFF
Ha!

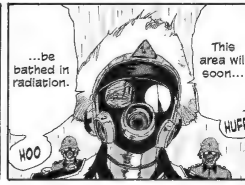
HUFF
M—
HOO
?!
Mr. Gojiro!
HUFF
HUFF
Is your oxygen running out?!
HOO
Oh no—
Save Ibuki... and my grandchild!
... leave me behind.
HUFF
Kid... Haruto, was it?
If I don't make it in time...
HOO

SNAP
...
?!
FLASH
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
Why are you...?
...Haruto.
HOO
Why are you...
...helping a human like me?
Calm your breathing!
We're almost there!
SPLASH
SPLASH

FSSSSSH
RUMBLE
HUFF
HOO
SWSH
We're searching for the two sisters!
We lost sight of the Coppelion!
TMP
Sir!


RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
HUFF
...
HOO
I see.

Our comrades will carry on the mission.
We're prepared for that.


...be bathed in radiation.
This area will soon...
HUFF
HOO

There is no way for them to move the survivors through the danger zone.
The Coppelion are such baffling beings.
Yet they still fought against us with such force.
Our comrades ...?

FLASH
The final countdown has begun.
...But now the end is nigh.
HWOOO
...
13:00
Dammit, Gojiro's still not back?!
If he doesn't hurry, we'll haveta leave 'im!
Come on, Gojiro, get yer ass here!
We gotta get goin'! The power lines won't hold up!
CLACK CLACK
HWOOO
Kurobe ...
The wind's picking up!

ガキバキベキ
SNAP
CRACK
?!
ガキ CRACK
SNAP バキバキ
It's outside!
I'm not sure... It wasn't in the station!
Wh-What was that noise?!
...
Was that sound —?
The power's going out! Wait...!
The electricity's —
VWEEN
Gennai, look!
The meter!

CRAA
ACK
KR
RRT
S
BZZT
H
...fell down?!
A utility pole...
CRACKLE
CRACKLE

CRACKLE
CRACKLE
CRACKLE
?!
Look! There's actually electricity going through the power lines!
Wh-What?!
Move out!!
FLASH
BZZT
BZZT
BZZT
Do you think ···
···they're trying to—?

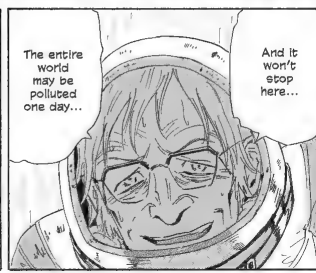
HUFF
HUFF
09:42
HUFF

HUFF
Why?
Haruto... tell me...
HOO

You just have to endure for a little longer, Mr. Gojiro!
We'll see the station soon!
SPLASH

I... humans ...
...we destroyed this city.

...by human hands.


The entire world may be polluted one day...
And it won't stop here...

...there's one thing I've realized.
In the 20 years I've lived here...
And that's—
In these 20 years, nature has returned to Tokyo...
...because *humans* are gone from it.

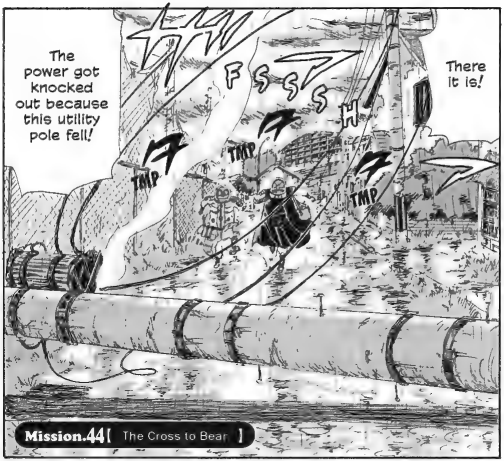
KAA
...they don't wish for luxuries, or for a long life.
The other animals ...
Do you know why that is?
HOO
Humans are the only ones who despise radiation...
HUFF
That's proof enough of their existance.
They give birth, and raise their young...
Is humanity worth saving?
Tell me, Haruto...
We're such a greedy species...

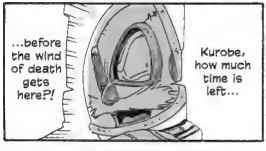
Humans will keep creating catastrophe after catastrophe.
It's true...
Me? But why?
But, Mr. Gojiro...
...that's why they need you.
Because I believe you can help.
So next time, Mr. Gojiro ...
...that accident will never be repeated.
...you won't run away. You'll face it head-on. As long as there's someone brave enough to do that...
No matter how dangerous the circumstances ...

...I want YOU to save humanity!
HUFF
...
Yeah!
HOO
Let's go!
We're there!
East Koganei Station's just around the corner!

Look out!!

Death.
FWOMP
Haruto !!
H...
FLASH
The end draws nigh.
08:00
M-43 END


The power got knocked out because this utility pole fell!
There it is!
FSSSH
TMP
TMP
TMP
Mission.44[The Cross to Bear]


...before the wind of death gets here?!
Kurobe, how much time is left...

Dammit! Only eight minutes!
Lee-see ....
TIC
TIC

Think y'can fix it, Genna!?!
We're lucky it was this close to the station!
AH!!
FWOMP

RA
TA
TA
TA
?!
08:00

What NOW?!
Wh...
Isn't that where—?
That was gunfire!
On the other side of the train tracks—north of us!
Did somethin' happen ta Gojiro and the kid...?!
RUMBLE
Dammit, that's where the transformer station is!

FLASH
HOO
HUFF
FSSSH
Haruto ...
Hang in there, Haruto!!

I never would have guessed that you would restore the electricity and attempt to escape via train...
So you were a diversion? A splendid plan.
What a shame... You were only a few steps away.
HUFF
HUFF
...who the hell are you?
Who...
They—
No ...!
They figured out the plan!
HUFF
HUFF
Is this how much you want to make people suffer...?!

RUMBLE
HUFF
HOO
RUMBLE
HUFF

I give my life to protect my country.
Just as my comrades and I swore, 20 years ago!

You know nothing.
I...
I do this for the sake of the people. For the sake of the world. That is all I have worked for.

It was on a rainy morning, much like today...

Yes.
It all started with the meltdown, didn't it?
20 years ago...

FWUP
FWUP
FWUP
Commander Kuniikida!
20 Years Ago—
October 2, 2016,
Early Morning,
1st Division Base
Aren't we providing relief for the earthquake?
Why do I need this?
Yes, sir!
SWSH
It seems the government has been receiving mixed reports...
Wear this!
Orders from headquarters!
?
Goodness, this is difficult to breathe in.
On that day...
...the Ministry of Defense sent us, the 1st Division, to evacuate civilians in Tokyo.
HOO
HUFF

I know that we'll be able to overcome this crisis!
It's our duty as the 1st Division to keep Tokyo and its people safe!
Direct any civilians on foot to the nearest evacuation center!
Listen well, men! Set up roadblocks to bring traffic under control!
Trust your friends, and combine your strength!
We are comrades of the same heart!
Bring around a car! I'm heading for the Prime Minister's office!
Now ...
RAAA

RUMBLE
RUMBLE
I searched for the Minister of Defense...
He was an old friend of mine, and the only member of the cabinet I trusted.
FWOP
FWOP
FWOP
What about the fire?! Can't it be put out?!
Hey! someone get me a mask!
Are you sure?!
Send in an evacuation team! Got that?!
FWOP
The Minister of Defense, Natsume.
FWOP
You know him as the current Prime Minister.
We can't abandon our people!
You fool!

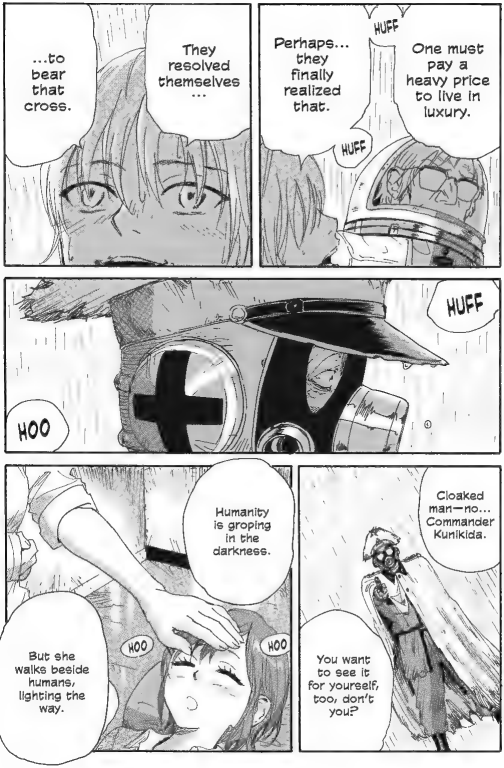
But we need more information! What exactly is going on?!
We've begun evacuating civilians!
Right now my first priority is to confirm the safety of the Prime Minister!
I don't know, either!
What—oh, it's you, Kunikida! What's the 1st Division doing?!
Hrm?!
THMP
Take care of our country, Natsume!
I understand. You can leave Tokyo to us.
FWUP
FWUP
FWUP
GWSH

And then...
...helicopters flew the rich and influential out of Tokyo.
By the time we realized the truth, it was already too late.
They escaped just before the meltdown, leaving behind the civilians.
Natsume
...the government officials abandoned their comrades and fled...
...when they should have been fighting for the fate of their nation...

...firefighters who arrived on the scene were unaware of what was really going on. They, too, were victims.
50 years ago, during the Chernobyl incident...
...if you think about it, it was merely history repeating itself.
But...
HUFF
HUFF
We have no need for a future that requires such sacrifices!
KCHK
No matter the age, it is always the poor and the brave who are left behind in Hell.
Then why did you do nothing for 20 years?
HUFF
...
HUFF
HOO
The age of humanity must come to an end.
HUFF

And in that time, you were like ghosts. You did nothing but watch the outside world.
It's been 20 years since the melt-down.
What?
So you watched, for 20 years.
You thought it was still too early to pass judgment on humanity.
...you still believe in people.
HUFF
That's because... like me...
HUFF
...was when I noticed a fundamental inconsistency related to the meltdown.
What sowed the seed of belief in me...
Belief...

...built in Tokyo in the first place?
Why was a nuclear power plant...
HEH
They'd force what they feared onto the countryside, and reap the rewards.
A POWER PLANT IN TOKYO?!
DOUBTS AMONG THE PUBLIC
RISING GREENHOUSE GASES
ADVOCATES AND PROTESTORS CLASH AT THE NATIONAL DIET
Before the Daiba plant, most of Tokyo's electricity came from plants in other regions.
It was a very human way of thinking.
THE PUBLIC HAS SPOKEN: DAIBA NUCLEAR POWER PLANT TO BE CONSTRUCTED
...at the end of the debate...
WE'LL FURNISH OUR OWN ENERGY!
ARTIST'S RENDERING
HOW WILL IT AFFECT THE TOKYO BAY AREA? CAUSES FOR CONCERN
...the civilians chose to accept nuclear power.
But...


...to bear that cross.
They resolved themselves ...
Perhaps... they finally realized that.
HUFF
One must pay a heavy price to live in luxury.
HUFF
HUFF
HOO
Humanity is groping in the darkness.
But she walks beside humans, lighting the way.
HOO
HOO
Cloaked man—no... Commander Kunikida.
You want to see it for yourself, too, don't you?

Don't you want to see...
...the rest of their journey?
CLACK
FLASH
CLACK

No. They have a deeper anger, a deeper sadness.
They are the same as you and I...
...my comrades and I are men of the same heart.
KCHK
Even if that were the case...
FSSSH
We cannot turn back!
BANG
BANG
Don't!!

!!
BWSH
!!
CLINK
CLANK
03:00
Didja wait long?
The cavalry's here!
SWSH
M-44 END

RA
TA
TA
TA
Hryaaah!
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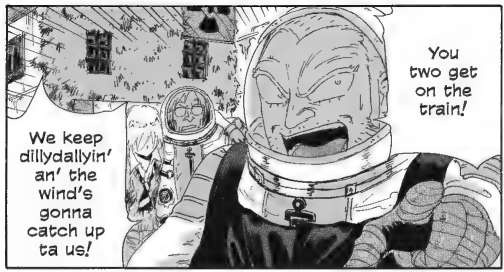
Ohh ...!!
We're under attack !!
CLANG
CLING
W...
BSSH
PEW

SWSH
Didja wait long?
The cavalry's here!

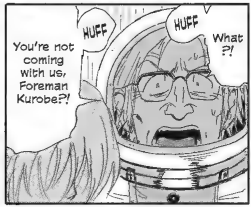
Return fire!!
KCHK
Get 'em!!
Yeah, Foreman!
Oh, no, ya don't!
BAM
BAM
Retreat ...
R...
CLING
!!
CLANG
WHUD
RA
TA
TA

They left their general!
VROOM
Wh-What?
VROOO
?!
HOO
HUFF
...
HUFF
HOO
HUFF
PLIP
PLIP
HOO
HUFF
東小金井駅
Don't shoot...
!
CHK

... forgive him.
Just ...
He's a human.
I've had it with this!
Dam-mit!
How can you say that when you're...?
You...
I'm done with this goddamn fight!
SPLASH


You two get on the train!
We keep dillydallyin' an' the wind's gonna catch up ta us!

We got a problem with the power lines just south of the station.
Gennai's fixin' a utility pole!


HUFF
HUFF
What?!
You're not coming with us, Foreman Kurobe?!

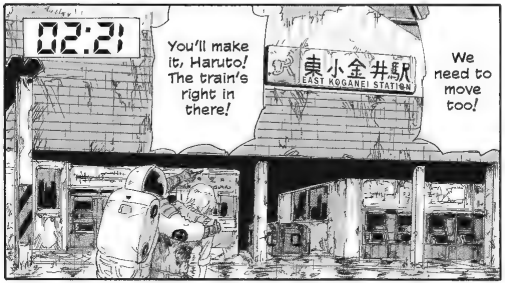
Don't you worry, Gojiro.
We'll get you yer power!

My god—
Do you have enough time?!

Don't let us stop ya.
You go on.
SWSH
But on the off-chance ...
...that after we fix it...
...we don't come back before the time limit—
Make sure you come back, Kurobe!
I'm not shaking your hand good-bye.
...
Yeah, I got it.
?
Aether ...

We gave it all ta Ibuki.
Sorry, boyo.
Did Naruse give you any?
It's an injection that can give humans immunity to radiation for 10 minutes... like a Coppelion.
...it doesn't matter what happens ta us.
SNSH
As long as she an' her kid are safe...
Thanks. I'll take it.
...
Sorry. Only one left.
This is the last of my aether.
See ya!
I'm off!

Don't act as if we'll never meet again!
Foreman Kurobe...
SAFETY FIRST
安全第一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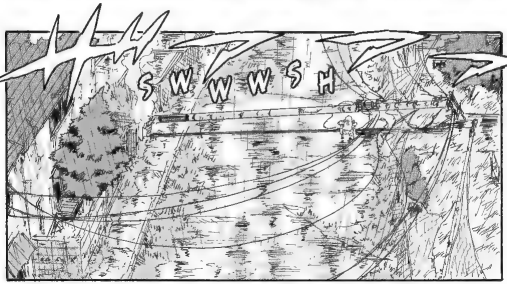
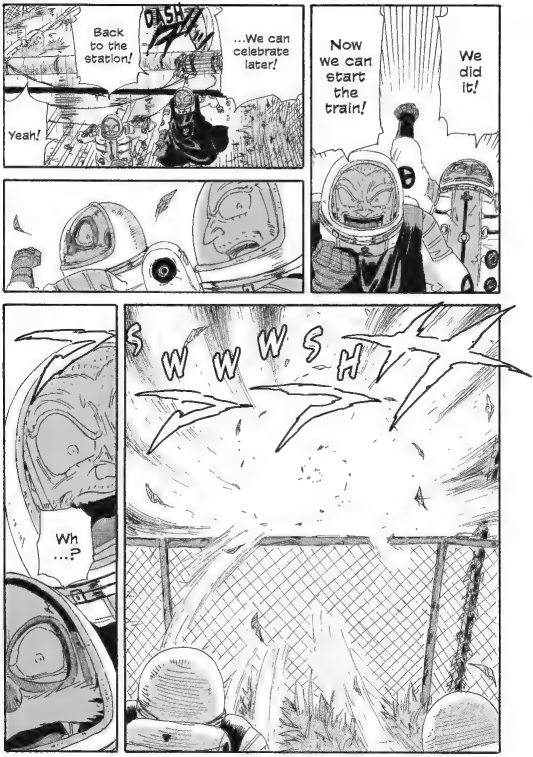
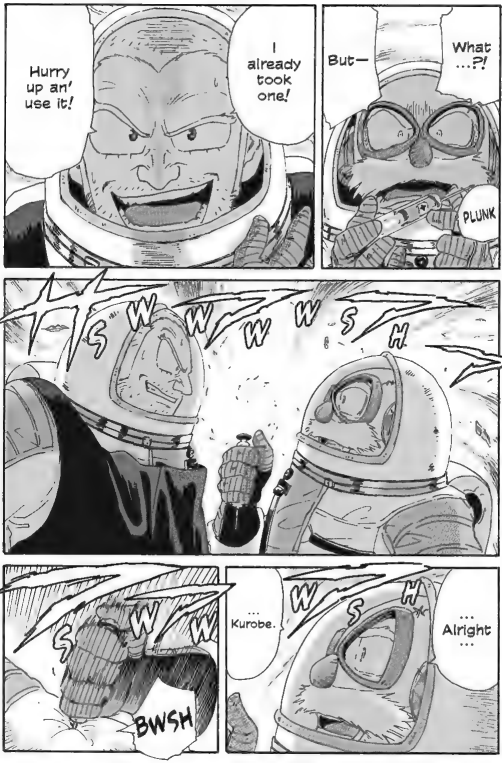
You'll make it, Haruto! The train's right in there!
東小金井駅
EAST KOGANEI STATION
We need to move too!

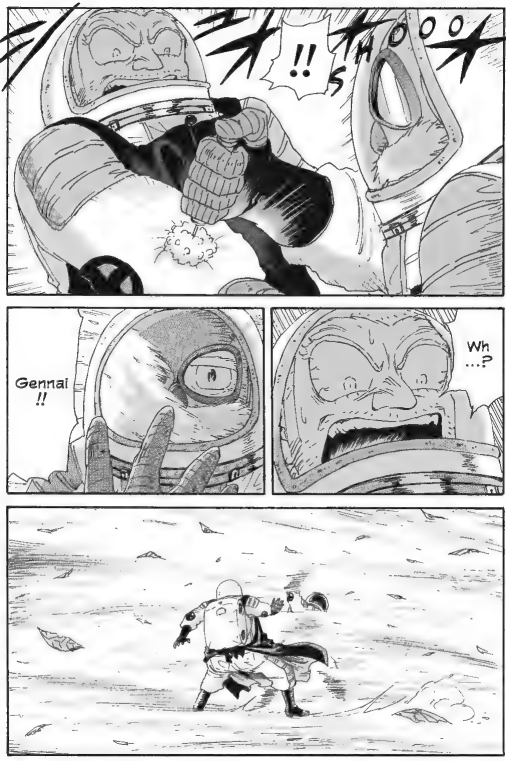

SWWWSH

Just gotta connect this and it'll restore power!
Almost done!
BZZZT
BZZZT
!
Gennai !
Leave it ta me!
He's safe! Is the power back up yet?!
Kurobe! Did you find Gojiro?!
BZZT
!!
BZZT
BZZT


Back to the station!
...We can celebrate later!
Yeah!
Now we can start the train!
We did it!
Wh ...?
SWWWSHV

It's comin'!
Why's it coming from the south?!
It's...
WWWSH
...the wind of death!
SNAP
We ain't gonna be fast enough!
R-Run!
It'll save ya!
I have some aether!
Gennai!


Hurry up an' use it!
I already took one!
But—
What ...?!
PLUNK
SWWWWSH
BWSH
... Kurobe.
... Alright ...

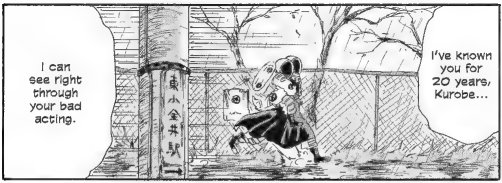

!!
Gennai !!
Wh ...?

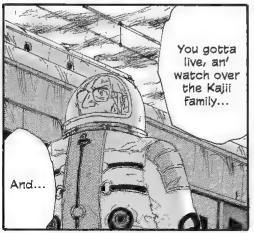
Power's back!
They did it!
W E E N
1 2 3 4 5 6
...we just have to wait for those two!
Now...
We can leave at any time, now!
Hold on a little longer, Haruto!
Foreman... Mr. Gennai...
Hurry
SPLASH
01:59
SPLASH
Please... live...

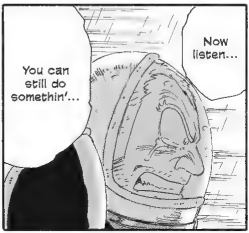
FHWOOF
Dammit !!

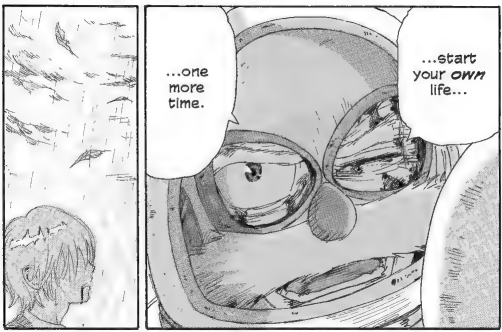
Ya god-damn fool!
Ain't nothin' gonna come from me livin' through this!

Why didn't ya use it on yerself?
Why, Gennai ?

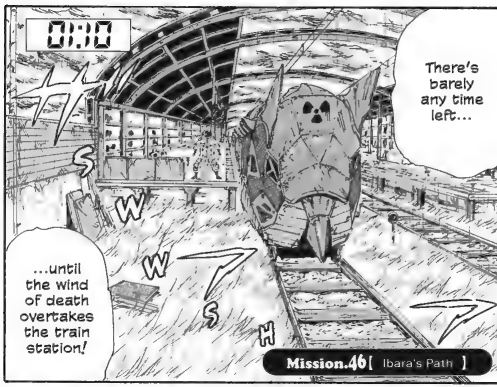

I can see right through your bad acting.
I've known you for 20 years, Kurobe...


You gotta live, an' watch over the Kajii family...
And...


Now listen...
You can still do somethin'...


...one more time.
...start your OWN life...

HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
01:00
Get on board.
We're leavin'.
M-45 END


01:10
There's barely any time left...
...until the wind of death overtakes the train station!
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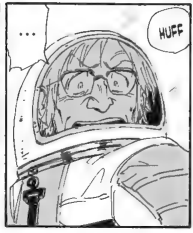
HUFF
HUFF

Hurry!
Hurry up and get back here, Foreman!

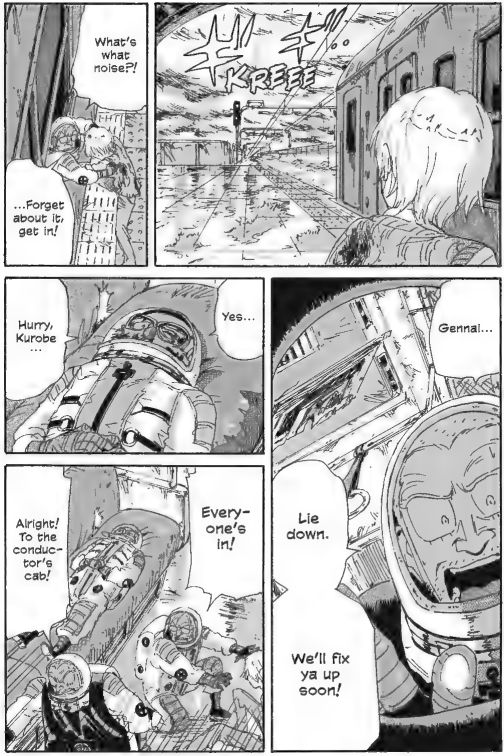
HUFF


...
HUFF

Get on board.
We're leavin'.
01:00

Does he have radiation poisoning?!
G-Gennai...
Oh, no...
Oh...
Don't ...
...worry...
HACK
HOO
It got a little windy, that's all.
HUFF
Now, now...
KOFF
We gotta go before it gets here, or yer daughter'll be in danger too!
The wind of death's right behind us!
There's no time...
Let's... move this train...

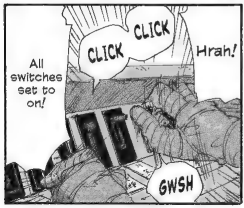
DASH!!
Come on! Into the front car!
We have to get it started!
Ibuki!
CLACK
Give me your arm. Here!
KREE
...?!
Haruto, can you move?!
Come in through the window!
The doors won't open yet.


What's what noise?!
...Forget about it, get in!
KREEE
Hurry, Kurobe ...
Yes...
Gennai...
Alright! To the conductor's cab!
Every-one's in!
Lie down.
We'll fix ya up soon!

CLACK
I've done it countless times in video games!
Yeah.
CHK
Do you know how to drive it, Kurobe?!
Quick!
FWAP
KCHK

SWWWSH
00:20

Turn it on, Kurobe!
We're down to 20 seconds!


CLICK
CLICK
Hrah!
All switches set to on!
GWSH

SWWWSH

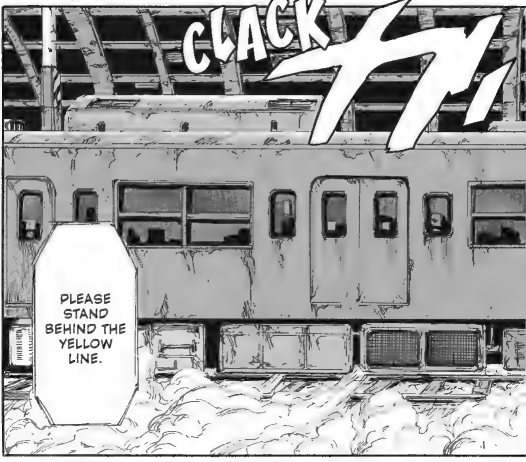
What's that buzzer for—?
Wh—?
BOOOP
?!
Get us moving!
It must mean it's powered up!
SWIPE
...
We're takin' off! Full throttle!!
R-Right!
CLUNK
This ain't right! Ain't these gauges gettin' power?!
CLUNK
TAP
TAP
Dam-mit ...!
CLUNK
I know that!
CLUNK
We're not moving!
What's wrong?!
CLUNK
CLUNK

HUFF
The train won't move... until it's full...
It must still... be charging...
HOO
?!
The buzzer... means the battery ran out...
Ya mean all we can do is wait?!
Wh- What?!
S W ?! W S H
How many seconds left?!
S W S S H
It's just like bomb boy guessed...
Damn ...
Uhh...

SWWWSH
The wind's caught up!
00:10
Dam-mit...!
I'm beggin' ya... move!
00:08
All we can do is pray...
...
SWWS
00:09
00:06
Move... move! Please!
We've been fightin'—so much that we're pukin' blood!
H
D'you have any idea how much we went through ta get here?!
00:07

We can't die here!!
00:05
Please... I—
KREE
HRRR
RRR
OOO
HRRR
OOOOO
PSSSH

CLACK
THE TRAIN IS DEPARTING.
VWEEEN
00:03
We're movin'!
Thank God!
CLUNK
VWEEEN

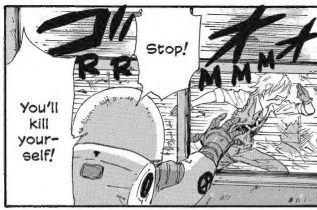

CLACK
PLEASE STAND BEHIND THE YELLOW LINE.

Your dad did it, Ibuki!
Hahaha!

We're all saying good-bye to this hellhole!
How about that, Haruto?!

KREEE
?!
KREEE
KREEE
Ah... ahhhh!!
The traffic light... it's falling!!
No ...
KREEE
What?!
We're gonna hit it!
KREEE

?!
FWAP


Stop!
You'll kill yourself!

Haruto!
You're wounded, what are you—?

Naruse...
HACK

GASP
...along the path you believe in!
Ibara Naruse.
Keep going...

HACK
WHSH
WWW
FWAP
?!
I can't ...
HRRNG
Dam-mit...
...
I shall help.

Hrng
...
RRRMM
Hraahh
...!
...
Thank you, Commander Kunikida.
FWOOOM
FWSH
東京
3
M-46 END